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Meningitis can be a serious threat to college students

Monica Loan
Staff Writer

Staying up late, ordering pizza, sleeping through class, and meningitis can all be a part of college life.

Wait, what was the last one? That's right, meningitis.

Now, as college students all over the country are back in school, the chance of getting the potentially deadly disease increases dramatically.

Clarke, like many other colleges around the country, is trying to make students more aware of the seriousness of the disease, symptoms and ways to prevent it.

Clarke Health Center Director Julie Burgmeier knows how threatening meningitis is for college students. The center has put flyers about the disease in student mailboxes.

Burgmeier said there is an increased risk of meningitis among college students because of communal living in dorms and apartments.

She said factors such as

lack of sleep, smoky atmospheres and alcohol use can lower resistance to the disease and increase your risk of contracting it.

Burgmeier said freshmen are at a higher risk

of getting meningitis because they are coming into a new environment from home.

There are two known types of meningitis: bacterial and viral. Bacterial meningitis is more serious, as one of five who contract this type will die. This type is caused by bacteria and can be treated with antibiotics.

A side effect of bacterial meningitis may include permanent brain damage.

Viral meningitis is more common and is associated with flu-like symptoms. This type is caused by a virus and there are no medications to treat it.

Fortunately for Clarke stu-

dents, the Health Center is offering a vaccine against meningitis at the immunization and flu shot clinic on Wednesday, Nov. 3.

Burgmeier is encouraging

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students to take advantage of this shot if it becomes available to prevent them from getting this disease.

A new Iowa law passed last April requires that colleges show responses from students living on campus that they received information about meningitis and indicate whether they plan to be vaccinated.

Burgmeier and the health center are asking that students take the time to fill out the form received in their mailbox saying they received the information.

She said the vaccine is effective against the three most common strands of bacterial meningitis, but not all strands.

"It's the only protection against the disease," she said. "It's very good, even though it's not complete."

Burgmeier said the shot costs \$92 and lasts for five years.

She added that if cost is a problem, shots can be charged to student accounts.

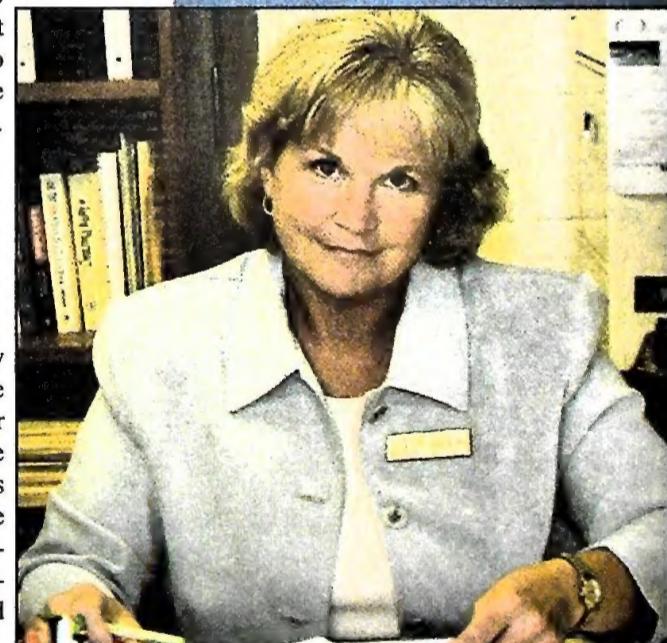
Junior Kristy Fischer decided to get the shot the summer before her freshman year.

"One of my high school classmates got meningitis and it made me realize how serious it can be," she said.

Burgmeier said the number of students who have received shots at the clinic has remained steady the last two years at 130 and 135, but she is hoping to see even more students Nov. 3.

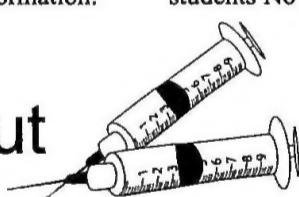
Ways to Prevent Meningitis

1. Wash your hands frequently and avoid touching your eyes.
2. Increase humidity in air especially in sleeping areas during winter.
3. Cover ears and neck in cold, windy weather.
4. Exercise regularly.
5. Take a multi-vitamin daily.
6. Eat a balanced diet.
7. Maintain a regular sleep pattern (Try to get 7 to 8 hours of sleep a night).



Julie Burgmeier, Director of Health Services, encourages students to get meningitis and flu shots.

Photo by Jenni Christopher



Vaccine Shortage Campus flu shots may be cut

Amanda Martin
Editor

It's almost flu season, but don't rush to get pricked in the arm quite yet. There is a possibility that Clarke will not receive the usual dosage of flu vaccinations.

Flu vaccinations have been cut in half this year after a large supplier in Britain, Chiron Corp., was closed down last week due to contamination. Julie Burgmeier, director of Clarke Health Services, said there are only a few companies who produce this vaccination, and Chiron Corp. was a big supplier.

It is still up in the air as to whether

Iowa and Dubuque will get their usual doses.

"If Iowa doesn't get the original amount, we will probably be asked to give up our vaccinations because we are a fairly healthy campus," said Burgmeier. "They will want to save it for the elderly and those with chronic diseases."

Although the flu is usually not a dangerous virus for young people, the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that every year 110,000 Americans are hospitalized with the flu and 36,000 people, mostly elderly, die.

Most college students are healthy and would be able to get over the virus quickly; however, Burgmeier still encourages students to get the vaccination if they are able. "It is important for students and anyone living in a communal environment, because the virus is so easily spread through coughing and sneezing," she said.

Health Services is scheduled to administer flu shots on Nov. 3, but this is not certain as of right now. Health Services should know soon and will let the campus know.

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Incorrect info leads to 'Rather' disturbing trends

Tony Frenzel
Opinion Editor

Being a journalist is a tricky thing. No matter how accurate and faithful one is to the truth, in the back of the mind there is always that nagging feeling that something might have been missed. Add to that the fact that most high-level journalism is on a national stage and, therefore, open to national (even international) scrutiny, and one can understand why Dan Rather must be living a true nightmare right now.

The 72-year-old, 42-year network veteran has been known for quality reporting for longer than most Clarke students have been alive. Now, suddenly, his credibility has been thrown to the wind and no one, especially not him, knows where it might land. On the weekly CBS news program "60 Minutes," Rather presented a document that would have proven George W. Bush had not completed his National Guard service during the Vietnam War era. Not long after, it was discovered that the document was falsified and Rather was put in the unenviable position of apologizing to the nation.

I can't help but be slightly conflicted on this subject. Nobody can be correct 100 percent of the time, yet at the same time I feel that journalists should be held to a higher standard. It is often said that the media doesn't tell the public what to think, but what to think about. This

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and influencing people's outlooks on the world, especially during election time, an imposing duty no matter what one may be doing.

This brings us, boys and girls, to the real question: is this faux pas worth forcing Rather to retire, losing a job he loves and

is obviously still capable of doing? He did appear on national television to rescind his assertions. Is it enough? According to much of the conservative media and some of the liberal media it is not. Already highly public figures have begun to move against him: Rather's season is open.

I feel Rather should have to answer for his mistake; he is a journalist and that implies a certain amount of integrity, but the price should not be his career. Admittedly, the authenticity of the document should have been checked in greater detail, however in this age of exclusives and up-to-the-minute coverage it is impossible to catch everything. One mistake should not weigh more heavily than a whole career of good work.

This debacle will definitely have some far-reaching effects on the national media and how it is perceived by the public, especially if Rather ends up losing his anchor seat.

Already, public opinion has started to sway toward distrusting the media, and this isn't even taking into account the other scandals that have happened throughout the years. Unfortunately, the media has been and always will be plagued by scandal ranging from the ever-popular paparazzi to a

reporter inventing information sources (sometimes even whole companies).

CBS has swiftly implemented damage control, bringing in high profile outsiders to hopefully sweep this whole mess under the rug. Ed Bradley, another "60 Minutes" regular, has already had an exclusive story denied to the airwaves. He supposedly had found links to a White House cover-up involving Iraqi procurement of uranium from Niger. The official network line is that it would be "inappropriate" to air this information so close to election time.

This is the core of the problem: the shackles of fear and paranoia that may soon prevent the in-depth reporting crucial to keeping this nation informed. Traditionally, the media has served as a "watchdog" for illegal and immoral activities perpetrated by those at the top of our social and economic "heap." This



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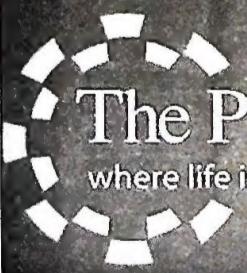
role could easily fall victim to worries over career loss, crippling one of the most important functions of news reporting. Even if there are still journalists willing to take the risk, will the large networks take the risk that is necessary to disseminate the information?

Another thing that bothers me: The comparison between Rather's falsity and Bush's falsity. When it was discovered that there was a distinct lack of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, there was public outcry, but not to the extreme that this Rather-hunting has gone. Bush's "mistake" has cost American lives, money, and prestige while Rather's has cost nothing but credibility. He publicly apologized (something Bush will never do), what else can we ask of him?

Editor's Note: When a random sampling of students was asked whether the Dan Rather scandal had affected their view of the media, not a single one knew anything about what had happened.

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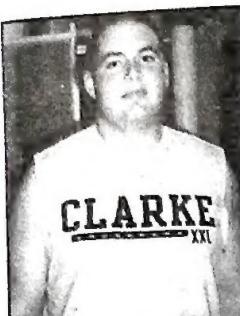
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The debate rages...

Republicans vs. Democrats

Editor's Note: We asked a student representative from each party to answer the question, "What does your candidate have to offer students."



**Greg Deutmeyer,
Vice-President of the
Clarke Republicans**
Photo by Alissa Beck

Republicans believe President George W. Bush is the right man for the next four years.

After 9-11 the world changed, and we engaged in a GLOBAL war on terror. This war is not just against Osama Bin Laden, but anyone who harbors terrorists. President Bush understands this, and that's why he took preemptive action toward Iraq. Since the end of Desert Storm Saddam Hussein has broken 16 UN resolutions. Throughout the

'90s Saddam was firing at our pilots flying over Iraq's Northern and Southern no-fly zones. Saddam also paid the families of suicide bombers \$25,000 to carry out attacks on Israel. The policy of containment was not working with Saddam, and in a post 9-11 world, he was too dangerous to be left alone.

President Bush has stated there is no need for a draft, and those proposing the idea in Congress are Democrats. Bush didn't lie about Iraq; the whole world believed Saddam had WMDs: Clinton, Kerry, Edwards, the French, the Germans, the British and the Russians. It would have been irrespon-

sible for the president not to take action with the knowledge he had.

We have heard in the paper that our ideas are racist, sexist and homophobic. This couldn't be further from the truth; in fact Republicans have led the way in the Civil Rights movement. The 13th amendment abolishing slavery was supported by every Republican, while only 23 percent of Democrats supported the amendment. The 14th amendment, which deals with civil rights, didn't have the support of one Democrat. Over the years minorities have seen the Democrats as being for them, yet their record shows the exact opposite.

President Bush believes in improving education. Three days after taking office he submitted the No Child Left Behind Act, and increased funding for grades K-12 49 percent. He also wants to make it easier for people to attend college with a 25.9 billion dollar increase in financial aid, as well as 12.9 billion dollars invested in Pell Grants. With four more years,

President Bush will continue to better our schools.

Republicans

take a conservative view on politics and life. We believe that the American people spend their own money better than politicians in Washington, therefore; lower taxes and smaller government. We believe that every person deserves a shot in life, and we believe in helping people out, but we also believe people need to work hard at life. Republicans give handups rather than handouts. You can teach a man to fish, and he will eat forever. Or you can give a man a fish, and he will eat for the day. We believe we should teach the man to fish.

Do you receive the Iowa Private Tuition Grant? Or are you from out-of-state and don't receive any state assistance like that? Well no matter if you are from Iowa or from any other state, the Iowa Private Tuition Grant should be on your list of concerns for this election year. The grant gives students with an EFC lower than \$9,000 some state funding to attend a private school here in Iowa. You must be a resident of Iowa to receive this grant. How does this affect out-of-state students?

Here is a simple formula to explain it: More students = more money for Clarke. More money for Clarke = no need to raise tuition.

The Republican Party in Iowa actually

hates the Iowa Private Tuition Grant. Republican legislators have worked very hard at cutting the grant

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defending this. It is the truth. A vote for Bush is a vote against yourself.

Someone once told me this quote, and I have changed it a little to apply it to students: "A student who votes for a Republican is like a chicken voting for Col. Sanders."

I do not have enough room to put John Kerry's plan, but go to <http://www.johnkerry.com> and look it all up. Look up their plans and do not listen to the hate machine of the Republican Party.



**Nathan Monson,
Event Coordinator of
the Clarke Democrats**

Photo by Alissa Beck

With four more years, President Bush will continue to better our schools.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I want to make sure that I clear up a few things first and foremost. I did not resign as President of the College Democrats because of being forced to or any weird conspiracy theory. I did it because I have been working very hard with the Clarke Student Association. My primary goal is to work with other private schools in the state of Iowa, throughout the Midwest, and the entire country in ensuring more federal and state money is put towards scholarships and grants for students. I have been gathering ideas from several schools from William & Mary in Virginia to Mt. Marty in Yankton, South Dakota, and from New York University to UCLA. My goal is to provide Clarke with the best possible leadership and concentration to help all students out.

Now I have to respond to Adrienne Weispfenning's letter to the editor (Sept. 30). I am not against a Republican group starting, but I am against what the different Republican groups on other campuses have stood for. I asked the College Republican leadership to step in and demand the national Republican Party stop these disgusting acts. The College Republican leadership has not even responded or they have denied those acts have ever happened!

This is by no means an attack personally, or on the group itself.

Sincerely,
Nate Monson

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Here comes the story of the hurricane...

Hurricane season hits home for Clarke student

Hiram Byrd
Staff Writer

Can you imagine waking up in the morning and seeing a Burger King sign and your neighbor's underwear lying in your front lawn? Or maybe not seeing your family or friends any more because of one hurricane?

"Why us?" seems to be the best words to express the feeling of people in Florida after the recent hurricanes.

A hurricane is a severe tropical storm that forms in the South Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea, Gulf of Mexico or eastern Pacific Ocean. Hurricanes need warm tropical ocean, moisture and light winds above them. If the right conditions last long enough, a hurricane can produce violent winds, incredible waves, torrential rains and floods that will rotate counter-clockwise around an eye at least 74 miles per hour.

There are many people who can tell you how the recent hurricanes have affected their family or life. Clarke junior Nate Sellers, of Pensacola, Fla., describes his experience. "It was detrimental to my city even though only minor damages happened (fence, shed and mailbox blew away)," he said. "I thank the man upstairs that nobody in my family was hurt."

Sellers also shared some of the good in hurricanes: the weather can be exciting because you get out of school for a while, and you can sleep and play video games until the lights go off. "That's when you'd best have a generator or you're in trouble."

This was the first time in Florida's history that four hurricanes hit in the same year. The most before that was in 1964

when three hurricanes hit. The three most intense hurricanes in the United States were an unnamed one in the Florida Keys in 1935, Camille in 1969, and Andrew of 1992. All were category 5.

"My most memorable hurricane has to be Hurricane Erin

which hap-

pened in

1994,"

Sellers said.

"I got a

chance to

see strong horizontal rain and winds. My advice to those who never experienced a hurricane is to take the proper precaution such as: stock up on canned goods, water, and gasoline, fill your bath tub up with water for future drinking and lastly always eat what you have in the refrigerator first so it won't go bad."

Hurricanes are broken down into names and categories.

Many of the names originally came from Christian feast days, then they were named after women, and now they are named after women and men. The name process started because names are quicker and less subject to error than older, more cumbersome latitude-longitude identification.

The categories are broken down on a scale of 1-5, which started from the Staffed Scale that based hurricanes on the amount of intensity it has. If a hurricane is a category 1 or 2, very little damage (shrubbery, signs and damage to mobile homes) is expected and people need to evacuate the beach. Categories 3, 4 and 5 can get really "ugly" with winds ranging from 111 miles per hour to greater than 155 miles per hour; usually massive evacuation is required, particularly in category 5 storms.

My science teacher once told me, "Even with all the names, categories, experience gained, lives we lose, and the thrills of hurricanes happening there is nothing that we as humans can do because hurricanes are a part of Mother Nature and we either have to accept that it comes with the territory or we have to leave."



Junior Nate Sellers from Florida has been personally affected by recent hurricanes. Photo by Carrie Fleckenstein

BREAKDOWN: The issues. Their positions. Your vote.

Tim Brechlin
Copy Editor

The right to vote is one of the most fundamental duties we have as citizens of this country. As the 2004 Presidential campaign enters its final month, it becomes more essential than ever to become an informed voter and to make the right choice according to your own beliefs. But in the onslaught of television advertisements, bumper stickers and campaign speeches, it is easy to lose track of where the candidates stand on the big issues. We at the "Courier" decided to provide a simple breakdown of the candidates' positions on the major issues facing college-age Americans today. The following information was obtained from the candidates' official Web sites as well as CNN.com.

Civil rights—Incumbent President George W. Bush has both opposed and supported Affirmative Action, supports a constitutional amendment outlawing gay marriage, opposes gay adoptions, and opposes expanding federal hate crimes legislation to include sexual orientation. Senator John Kerry supports Affirmative Action, opposes gay marriage but supports what he calls "equal rights" for gay couples, supports gay adoptions, and wants to expand federal hate crimes legislation.

Defense—Bush seeks to increase military spending to \$380 billion, including funding for building a national missile defense system. Kerry has opposed such a defense system. Both men have openly supported worldwide arms control and non-proliferation of weapons of mass

the federal budget has not fully funded it. Kerry supports abortion rights and opposes the death penalty. He supports fully funding the NCLB act.

The economy—Bush says his earlier tax cuts have boosted the economy and supported job creation; he plans to reduce

as "enemy combatants," making it easier for the government to detain terrorism suspects. He supports the renewal of the Patriot Act, a sometimes-controversial measure that has expanded law enforcement agencies' boundaries with regard to privacy. He supports the Department of Homeland Security as the primary source of threat information. Kerry opposes the labeling of citizens as "enemy combatants" and also opposes the renewal of the Patriot Act. He supports reforming our country's domestic intelligence operations.

Healthcare—Both candidates support the lowering of prescription drug costs as well as reforming some aspects of the nation's healthcare system. Bush seeks to expand tax credits for low-income families who purchase health insurance. Kerry proposes allowing citizens to buy into the insurance plan offered to federal employees, funding the measure by rolling back tax cuts.

More information can be found on the candidates' Web sites:
<http://www.georgebush.com> and
<http://www.johnkerry.com>.

Election Day is Nov. 2. Time to make a decision.



destruction. Bush continues to stay the course regarding the war in Iraq, with no official timetable for withdrawal of American forces. Kerry initially voted for the war in Iraq but now vehemently opposes it, stating that President Bush chose "the wrong way" to disarm former dictator Saddam Hussein. Neither candidate supports a military draft.

Social issues—Bush opposes abortion in cases except those of rape, incest, or to save a woman's life. He supports the death penalty. Though he signed the No Child Left Behind education reform act,

the budget deficit (which recently reached a record \$422 billion) by holding spending increases to 4 percent. Bush also supports investing some Social Security funds in the stock market. Kerry firmly opposes any privatization of Social Security and seeks to roll back some of Bush's tax cuts (specifically the ones benefiting wealthy families), and he says he will reverse the deficit trend by cutting spending and fixing loopholes that benefit corporations.

Homeland security—Bush has supported the labeling of some U.S. citizens

Get the door: the pizza guy's here

Kerry Sivia
Staff Writer

Clarke students, like many college students across the country, love their pizza. According to Matt Ricketts, director of Food Services, Clarke makes 10-15 pizzas a day in the Crusader Cafe depending on the day's business.

According to Ricketts there is a reason students choose pizza over other foods. "They grew up with it and there is such a variety, you can get any kind," he said.

Students who choose not to eat pizza from the school often order from Papa John's or Domino's because of inexpensive specials.

However, students also have another option. Ricketts said Clarke tries to stay competitive with the big pizza venders in the area. Sports teams as well as individual students can special order a pizza from the Crusader Cafe.

Students can order a variety of toppings on their pizza. "Someone ordered sauerkraut and Canadian

aversion to hamburgers," said Otters regarding her preference of pizza over fast food.



Freshman Anthony Zeimet chows down in the Crusader Cafe.

Photo by Alissa Beck

bacon," said Al Sutton of the Crusader Cafe. He said he was not sure how the sauerkraut would go over and convinced them to order a different topping.

Julie Otters, sophomore, says she eats pizza three to four times weekly. Otters said when she orders her pizza out, it's normally from Papa John's.

"For a while I had a taste

Junior Nate Sellers is also a pizza lover. He said he normally orders out for pizza once a week but last year he ate it at least twice a week. Sellers said he usually orders his pizza from Papa John's because of their garlic sauce.

"It's just...pizza. It's good," said Sellers.

Both Papa John's and Domino's said they

believe the reason they are popular among students is because of their good deals.

At Domino's a student can order the Couch Potato special and get a large one-topping pizza for \$6.99.

Domino's management said one-third of their customers are college students. Domino's said they average about five deliveries to Clarke on weeknights and on weekends they make about 10 deliveries per night.

Management at Papa John's said college students represent 35 percent of their customers. They make about five to 10 deliveries to Clarke on weeknights and about 15 deliveries per night to Clarke on weekends. The best-selling specialty pizza at Papa John's is the Works, which can be purchased for \$16.04.

Hold the elevator

Emily Wilgenbusch
Staff Writer

The United States of America: to most countries we are known as strong, independent, and now lazy. Face it, we Americans are lazy, so why should Clarke be any different? When I look around campus, I see all the little changes that make things easier for us.

For one, adding a sidewalk diagonally to Mary Ben, because walking the extra 12 steps on the actual sidewalk would kill us. Same with the sidewalk on the way to the SAC: come on, people, a couple of stairs won't hurt. (Hey you, yeah you, you could use a couple of stairs if you know what I mean).

For those healthy people who think they can get away with using the elevator for one floor, think again. People are sick of it. You are wasting our time, especially when the reason you use the elevator is because you're out of shape. Get your butt to the PAC and do the stair climber; it'll be good for you, unless those stairs will be a little too much for you.

"It drives me nuts when people use the elevator for only one floor," said senior Lacey Wood. "It's pretty ridiculous."

Now speaking of ridiculous, has anyone else noticed the backpack on wheels? I mean really, what's the point? You might be preventing back pains later, but you're getting in my way now. Before we know it, Clarke will be known as CCIA, Clarke College International Airport.

But you know what tops them all off is when I see someone go to work out but they drive their vehicle to the SAC. Sound a little familiar, Dan Wendler? Are you really that lazy?

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Tim Boffeli, a man with a story

Shannon Burroughs
Staff Writer

Psychologist William James said "streams of consciousness" produce constant change in our life. Fortunately, this kind of change occurred for Tim Boffeli, psychology chair and Gannon Center counselor.

After high school, Boffeli wanted to go into the Marine Corps. After the recruiter was unpleasant, he decided to go to college.

In this moment of crisis, because his life had just been drastically altered, Boffeli said he worked out his future plans with the following thought sequence: "What am I going to study? What do I like? Guns and people. Guns. Well, I can't make enough money as a gunsmith. Assassin. Oh, I am way too Catholic to be an assassin. People. What is a people field? Psychology."

One of the reasons Boffeli chose to teach psychology was his fondness for humankind. He also liked the fact that psychology can always just be given away.

"I am able to make social interventions all the time and just help people," he said.

Boffeli said his ease with

public speaking also played a role in his decision to teach. Those who have been fortunate enough to have class with him know that he is not a shy person when it comes to speaking or teaching.

"Tim is a great professor," said senior psychology major Kelly Welch. "He is always able to keep us interested and each class is always different."

teaches it well."

As much as Boffeli likes teaching, there is something that does bother him about it.

"The hardest part is when an 'A' student turns in 'C' work and thinks that he/she should still get an 'A,'" he said.

Despite Boffeli's full schedule of teaching, having 30 advisees, working on his Ph.D., grading papers, a marriage

and raising three children,

in all his years of teaching

he has never lost a paper.

So if you wanted to pull the old, "I turned my paper in; you must have lost it," routine, it's not a believable excuse with Boffeli, especially since he states in his syllabi to back up everything on a disk.

While Boffeli hopes to have many years of teaching left, he has one lifelong dream that is still along the lines of helping people.

"If I could do one thing for the rest of my life, I would drive around in a truck with every tool possible and fix elderly people's houses and listen to them tell stories," Boffeli said.

According to Boffeli everyone has a story; this was his.

Welch is not alone in her opinion. "Tim takes a genuine interest in each of his students, and his classes are always so fun," said senior psychology major Mary Beth Meisinger. "His stories are great."

According to many of Boffeli's students, he has a very animated way of teaching that keeps students attentive and interested in what he has to say, and according to Boffeli, that makes teaching all the more rewarding.

Boffeli also said he enjoys teaching because he likes to impart the wisdom that he has accumulated over the years.

"Tim is just a great teacher," said senior Zach Breitbach. "He knows psychology and he



Photo by Holly Boche

FAST FACTS

Tim Boffeli

Great grandparents came over to Ellis Island from Italy

He is the oldest of five children (all with names beginning with "T")

He has been married to his wife Kim for 21 years

Together they have three children: Andrew, Ashley and Allison

He is originally from Dubuque

He graduated from Loras with a masters degree in applied psychology: emphasis in clinical counseling

Taught at NICC for five years

He was an adjunct for 10 years and has been full time for two years

He is the psychology department chair

His favorite class to teach is abnormal psychology

On his college degree his last name is spelled incorrectly: "Bofelli" as opposed to the correct Boffeli



Clarke students Sarah Bakke, Fred Givens and Kyleen Thill walk to fight hunger in the 20th Dubuque Crop Walk

Photo by Holly Boche

Students take six-mile walk to fight hunger

Holly E. Boche
Staff Writer

Twenty-seven people of the Clarke College community came together Sunday, Oct. 3, for one reason — the crop walk. The crop walk is a six-mile walk for everybody, no matter their age or religious background.

The crop walk has been going on in Dubuque for about 20 years and for 50 years throughout

America. The Crop Walk is an ecumenical inter-walks in ties can join together and stop Iowa, and hunger.

the Dubuque

Crop Walk is the fourth-largest in the state. Reverend Maryann Loguidice, of Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Dubuque, has been in charge of the Dubuque crop walk for the past five years.

"I believe in working in an inter-faith effort but there also seems to be an increasing need to raise awareness," said Loguidice. "Around the world, there are 3,500 children who go to bed hungry."

Twenty-five percent of the money raised will stay in Dubuque and be distributed to the food pantry, rescue mission and an organization called "People in Need." The rest of the money will go to Church World Service which will be distributed to 80 countries, including the United States. Throughout the past 15 years, the crop walk has

raised over \$200 million.

Senior Kathleen Burrack, president of Clarke's social work club, has participated in the crop walk for two years and says it's a good cause which helps people not only in the Dubuque community but throughout the world.

"This year, I was in charge of organizing the crop walk through

the Clarke community," Burrack

said. "At first I was a little worried that no one would sign up to participate, but students showed up and we raised a good amount of money."

Only half of the Clarke students who signed up for the crop walk actually walked. Clarke alone raised a little over \$1000.

Russell Melby, Iowa regional director of Church World Service, has been involved in the crop walk for 20 years.

"Crop walk is an event that almost anyone can participate in and feel good about doing something," said Melby. "It is an ecumenical inter-faith event which demonstrates that people from different faith communities can join together and stop hunger."

The freshman who ran for School Board

Jenni Christopher
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, Sept. 14 Clarke freshman Adam Mennig proved that students aren't always uninformed when it comes to local politics. Mennig, a history and secondary education major, was one of four candidates running for the Dubuque School Board.

After an interview with Mennig I could tell that he is savvy on politics as well as a very motivated young man.

As if he weren't busy enough keeping up with the class load of that infamous first semester of freshman year and running for an election, Mennig is also a member of the Clarke men's soccer team. So how did he get interested in running for School Board?

"I saw in the 'Telegraph Herald' that there was still one opening for the election," said Mennig. "I thought it would be a good idea to have a younger voice on the board, because I feel that everyone should be represented."

"I think that students sometimes have

more of a view of what actually goes on in a school. It's one thing to sit in on a school or take a tour through it, but it's another thing to actually go to class everyday and know first hand what is going on."

Mennig's personal views on the Dubuque School Board are nothing but positive.

"Overall, I think that the district is run very well, and the test scores have been great," he said. "I like the fact that they're expanding the school system by building a new middle school because I really believe in the idea of a smaller class size."

The other three candidates in the election were Doug Horstmann, Larry Loepke and Darren White. Horstmann and Loepke were the winners, but 18-year old Mennig had a strong showing with 1,277 votes.

"I see the election results as a positive, because it proves that people want to see

the representation of a younger voice on the board," said Mennig.

So after this year's election, will we see his name on a ballot in the near future? "Next year," Mennig said. "I would like to get involved in several different committees within the district and hopefully this will help me to meet more people and

get a chance to get out in the community."

Personally, I would like to say congratulations to you, Adam. The Clarke community is very proud of you and we wish you the best of luck on your future political endeavors.



Adam Mennig, third from left, made strong showing in recent School Board election.

UNITY shifts emphasis to social activities

Mishereen Ellis
Staff Writer

We are all connected by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in the same spirit, and intent on one purpose... to educate and promote diversity." This is what every UNITY member sported on the back of their 2003-2004 UNITY shirts last year.

UNITY was founded in the fall of 1996 and was formed from two previous organizations, C.I.O and C.S.M.O.

C.I.O was the Clarke International Organization which was associated basically with international students. C.S.M.O was the Clarke Student Multicultural Organization which was associated with all nationalities, but often thought to be associated with only minorities. "UNITY" stands for "Unified Nationalities Involved to Teach the Youth."

"The focus has gone a little bit away from some of the educational aspects and into some of the more social aspects," said Cammie Dean, director of Multicultural Student Services and advisor of UNITY.

"But I think it's a positive move. I think the campus needs to have social activities that have a diverse twist."

The purpose of UNITY is to promote diversity at Clarke and throughout the world. By becoming a member of UNITY,

include the Ebony Ball, Hispanic Dinner, Hip Hop/R&B dance, winter pajama jam, ethnic dinners, poetry slam, and a Mall of America trip.

"We try to interact with people on-campus as well off-campus; most of the money we make we

ice a key aspect of UNITY."

Dean said, "I see UNITY as one of the key factors to retention for minority students because if you're not having a good time in that 80 percent of the time that you're out of class, then you're not going to stick around for the other 20 percent of getting an education.

"It provides some positive experiences for minority students in particular and also calls attention to some of the interests and desires, and just the presence, of a minority population on campus. And it's

important to I think the campus needs to have let people social activities that have a diverse p l e twist.

know that we are here, that we're having fun, and that everyone is welcome to join in," said Dean.

There are currently about 25 members in UNITY. This represents much growth since the group was restarted three years ago.

"Being a member of UNITY has been an enjoyable experience. I think there's even more that can be done," said UNITY member Audrey Swanson. "However, it has been



Members of UNITY discuss their upcoming events to promote diversity.

Photo by Brianne Malloy

one can enhance leadership, communication and critical thinking skills.

Some of the activities that

try to donate either back to the community or back to the school," said Claudnyse Jenkins, president of UNITY. "Thus we're making community serv-

a great way of getting involved with my peers and the community."

UNITY is always welcoming new members to join and it's open to anyone and everyone, Dean said.

"I would like to see more diversity, but I think that requires a shift in perceptions of the campus as a whole," she added.

"Just because there is a large group of minority students together, that doesn't mean that no one else is welcome, and that's something that the whole campus has to work on. And, I

don't think that UNITY as a small group can change

that on its own."

Meetings are held every other Sunday at 8:45 p.m. The next meeting will be on Sunday, Oct. 16 in the Mary Jo Formal Lounge. UNITY's first dance of the year will be held on Saturday, Oct. 23 in the Atrium Conference Room and a dating auction will follow on Sunday, Oct. 24 in the SAC. Times for these events will be announced at a later date.

ALISSA BECK

Living

cloth Purse

Where'd you get that purse? Is that a Prada?

I hope those of you who attempted the cigar box purse heard exclamations such as those once people saw your creation!

This new purse design is a little more complicated than the cigar box, but it will produce equally impressive results! Good luck and read again next time to learn how to create some great Halloween treats!

Directions:

Begin by choosing two different fabrics: One for lining and one for the outside.

*I chose the blue polka dot for the outside and the pink for the inside (1).

Cut the pieces into the size you'd like. I chose to have my bag rectangular. So I cut the two outside pieces and two liner pieces 12 x 10".

Then make a sandwich with the pieces of fabric. The two outside pieces together in the middle—good sides facing each other (so the backside facing the liners), and then the liners on the outside (like the bread of the sandwich) (2).

Sew along three of the edges (leaving the top open).

Iron along the edges to make smoother creases (3).

Flip the back right side out (4).

Now you need to prepare the bag to attach the handles. Now that the bag is right side out, take the unsewn end and fold the lining towards the outside and fold the outside one towards the lining. Fold each about half an inch down and then iron in the crease.

Then pin around the bag so that the new folded section stays in place (5).

Now make four pieces of the same size for handles (Two liners and two outsides). My handles were 3 X 17".

Place one liner and one outside inside out and sew along the three edges. Iron the edges and

fold this right side out.

Repeat for the other handle.

Once the handles are facing the correct way, pin them into the bag. They will go in-between the lining and the outside (6).

Once pinned in place, sew around the top of the bag. This will secure the handles in place and finish off the fourth side of the bag.

The final step is to add the accessories. I chose an iron-on patch. I followed the directions on the

patch and it took about one minute to secure (7).

The whole project takes about an hour, depending on your sewing skills, and costs less than \$5.

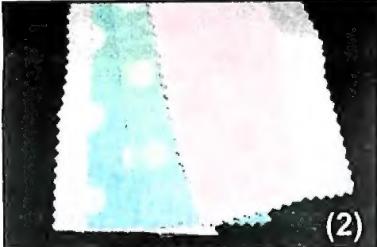
Quick Tip:

If you don't want to spend money for jewelry cleaner, you can make your own for silver jewelry at home. All you need is an aluminum pie tray, table salt, hot water and water softener.

Put a little table salt, a small amount of water softener (found in the laundry section) and hot water in the aluminum pie tray. Stir it well to dissolve. Then, all you need to do is submerge the jewelry, take it out and rinse it in water. Make sure that you clean only silver jewelry in this mixture and do not use this when cleaning jewelry that contains stones.



Photos by Alissa Beck



Ben, Jo and Fran

Jenny Domine
Staff Writer



review

First fall show a big success



Hero Matt Franta and villain Kevin Krein fight over Ms. Melody Lane in Clarke's drama production "Curse of an Aching Heart."

Omar Sinno
Web Editor

Clarke's drama department production of "The Curse of an Aching Heart" took the audience back to the Old West in a humorous and interactive setting. The play was a great success with Clarke students.

"It was very well done," said senior Loren Heber. "I think it would rank up with a broadway play."

"The actors fit well with the characters and I liked how it ended," said senior Joe Ausmann.

The play starts with the rumbling snoring of Hiram Abernathy and the screaming of Mrs. Sarah Abernathy, played by freshman Colin Muenster and senior Kat Hermes. The Abernathys are living on a ranch and struggling to pay off their mortgage. Then an evil, cunning and wealthy man named Windermere Hightower, played by senior Kevin Krein, comes to them with an offer on how to become rich, but later robs the family of their money and ranch.

There are several other characters who appear throughout the play but the two most notable are a woman with the "curse of an aching heart," Melody Lane (sophomore



Red Wing (Brigid Kelly) warns of future problems to the Abernathys, Kat Hermes and Colin Muenster. Photos from Clarke College Public Relations Office

Melissa Dahle), who falls in love with a character named Lucius Goodenough, played by senior Matt Franta. Lane and Goodenough meet at the Abernathys' ranch.

Later in the play, Goodenough tries to save Lane and the Abernathys from the evil villain. Additionally, the play has unexpected twists in the plot and surprising character relationships.

The play kept the attention of the audience through humor and encouraging interaction. Hissing and booing could be heard whenever the villain Hightower froze time in the play to talk to the audience about his evil plans. Laughter also filled the theatre many times throughout the play.

The rest of the cast consisted of senior Justin Blomquist, freshman Brigid Kelly, junior April Schuller, junior Jenny Domine, junior Lauren Kapolnek and sophomore Mike Link. The play was directed by Carol Blitgen, costumes were by Robert Neumann and scenery and mechanical effects by Ellen Gabrieleschi.

Check it out:
SchoolHouse Rock Live! Nov. 18-20

the soundtrack of campus life

what's in your cd player?

Jenny Domine
Staff Writer

"Operation Mind Crime" by Queensryche

- Damon Carr, senior art major

"Half past Four" by Nothing in Return

- Lauren Kapolnek, junior theatre major

"Elton John's Greatest Hits"

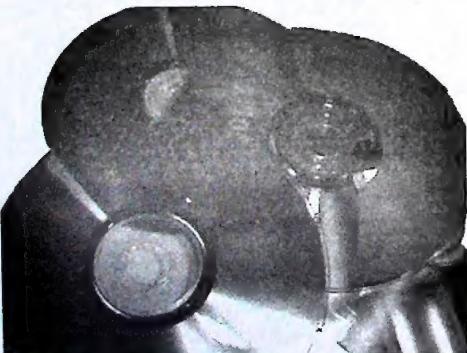
- Kirk Nigro, education faculty

"India Ragas" and "Handel: Coronation Anthems"

- Fran Vogt, music faculty

"Trouble" by Akon

- BJ Miller, sophomore athletic training major



Are you ready for some football?

Ryan Dillon
Sports Reporter

If you have trouble telling your old high school buddies that you don't have a football team at your college, don't feel bad because we all have the same problem. If you look at Clarke's history, you might understand why Clarke does not have a team.

Clarke was an all-women's college until the spring of 1979 when it became co-educational, admitting men into the full-time undergraduate program. It was not until 1983 that Clarke developed its first men's soccer athletic team.

"We don't have a football team because Clarke really has not confronted that problem," said Curt Long, Clarke athletic director.

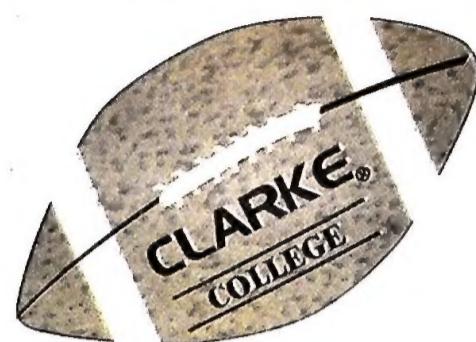
"There are ups and downs in Clarke having a football team," he noted.

Long spoke of the positives that might come from a Clarke football team such as increased enrollment and increased school spirit during homecoming and other school events.

However with all the positives that might come from having a football team, negatives play an important factor. Starting the program would be a huge financial

expense for Clarke. Costs include hiring a coaching staff, building facilities, buying expensive equipment and renovating the soccer field so it could host football games.

Football may be in the future of Clarke but it would take a major effort to start the program and may not happen during any of our years at Clarke.



Do you think Clarke should have a football team?

Joe Buettner, junior

"Yes, because it would help improve our athletics and the facilities at Clarke."

Francisco Ramos, senior

"No, if the futbol (soccer) can't win neither can a football team."

Kyle Wenzelman, junior

"Yes, because it would raise Clarke's status as a college and improve the recruiting of students."

Chris Shepeck, senior

"No, the insurance cost is very high, which would put the college at a huge risk."

Julie Bahl, junior

"Yes, because we would have more student involvement and school pride."

Ashley Black, junior

"Yes, it would be a really good idea. It would be hard to get it going but would be really good for the college."



Mirelis Rivera awaits the arrival of a serve in the NIIC championship meet.
Photo by Jenni Christopher



Drew Larson watches his shot in a recent meet for the Clarke men's golf squad.
Photo by Jenni Christopher



Ashley Zaehringer takes a shot at the green to help the Crusader women's golf team bring their season to a close.
Photo by Jenni Christopher

Sports Wrap-Up

Shannon Singsank
Sports Editor

Women's Tennis

Clarke college Tennis Coach Rick Arrington led the Crusader women's tennis team to its eighth straight Northern Illinois - Iowa Conference Title. Clarke finished with 34 points, taking three singles titles and adding a pair of doubles for the NIIC championships. Clarke picked up singles championships from Shelly Flynn, Nikki Flynn and Patricia LoVerde. Shelly Flynn and Mary Stewart paired up to win the number one doubles championship, while Nikki Flynn and Mirelis Rivera took the number two doubles title.

"We went in as a young team losing valuable seniors, but we worked hard throughout the season to achieve our goal of the conference title," said junior Jolene Gruenke.

Women's Golf

Coach Casey Kohr lead the Clarke women's golf team through an outstanding season with returning seniors Elizabeth Noonan and Jennifer Thein, sophomore Lacey McCabe and freshmen Ashley Zaehringer and Bailey Meyer. The team consistently improved over its season, ending with a new Clarke women's golf record, a low score of 384.

Men's Golf

The Crusader men's golf team has also put an end to its fall season, looking forward to their conference season in the spring. The Crusaders had an exceptional season with an eighth place win in their own Clarke College Oktoberfest Invitational.

